

To: RDA Steering Committee
From: Gordon Dunsire, Chair, RSC
Subject: Terms of reference for the RSC RDA/ONIX Framework Working Group

Related document: This RSC document is a minor revision of its counterpart JSC document (6JSC/Chair/10); only minimal updating of names has occurred.

General terms of reference

The RSC RDA/ONIX Framework Working Group will conduct its business within the general terms of reference for RSC Working Groups (see RSC/Policy/4).

Background

The RSC develops *RDA: Resource Description and Access* for international use with the range of encoding schemes typically employed in library and related applications. RDA uses controlled vocabularies to support resource discovery and is intended to cover all types of content and media. The FRBR conceptual model underlying RDA makes a clear distinction between the content and carrier aspects of resource description.

The JSC took part in a workshop with representatives of the publishing industry in 2006. The participants formed a small working group which produced version 1.0 of the RDA/ONIX framework for resource categorization (ROF), published as 5JSC/Chair/10.

The RDA vocabularies for the elements Carrier type, Content type, and Media type are based on the ROF.

Several proposals have been received since 2006 that require development of the ROF and its application in RDA. The JSC decided at its meeting in November 2013 to implement a Working Group to carry out tasks related to these issues.

Charge (duties and responsibilities)

The Group is charged to:

- Assist the RSC in developing interoperability between RDA and the ROF, by:
 - Reviewing the application of the ROF in RDA.
 - Making recommendations for the development of RDA in the area of resource categorization.
- Facilitate interoperability of bibliographic information for resource categorization by providing high level attributes and values to which categorizations of content and carrier defined by a user community may be mapped, by:
 - Updating the ROF in response to changing technology and types of resource
 - Responding to changing expectations of users and customers

- Making recommendations for development of the ROF
- Responding to proposals for change to the ROF
- Updating and maintaining the published text of the ROF
- Advising on mappings to the ROF.